



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 4, 2010. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 4, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through December 4, 2010 were 8.12 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	October 30, 2010	November 6, 2010	November 13, 2010	November 20, 2010	November 27, 2010	December 4, 2010
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	27,785	27,727	29,397	29,358	29,324	29,501
Arkansas	22,540	22,877	23,436	23,895	23,598	23,763
Delaware	3,782	4,019	4,045	4,004	4,216	4,126
Florida	1,356	1,358	1,235	1,360	1,359	1,360
Georgia	31,292	31,721	32,651	33,066	32,749	33,477
Kentucky	8,072	7,321	7,746	7,420	7,578	7,354
Louisiana	3,425	3,319	3,486	3,470	3,395	3,395
Maryland	7,740	7,623	7,399	7,587	7,276	7,291
Mississippi	17,584	18,644	18,232	17,704	18,675	18,346
North Carolina	20,107	19,994	20,449	20,258	20,020	19,702
Oklahoma	6,833	6,273	6,540	6,281	6,463	6,211
Pennsylvania	3,621	3,881	3,788	3,802	3,876	3,877
South Carolina	5,723	5,440	5,535	5,617	5,726	5,432
Texas	15,683	15,443	15,667	15,890	16,503	15,252
Virginia	6,188	6,031	5,305	5,999	5,934	5,943
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,718	17,702	18,965	19,217	19,517	18,959
19 State total	200,449	199,373	203,876	204,928	206,209	203,989
Previous year total	182,901	190,700	201,573	201,906	202,644	201,274
Percent of previous year	110	105	101	101	102	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States: 2010

State	Week ending					
	October 30, 2010	November 6, 2010	November 13, 2010	November 20, 2010	November 27, 2010	December 4, 2010
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	20,051	19,741	20,394	20,245	19,051	19,825
Arkansas	21,574	20,060	20,001	20,489	21,461	20,162
Delaware	4,635	4,979	5,102	4,738	5,116	4,903
Florida	1,217	1,064	1,222	1,207	1,334	1,219
Georgia	26,876	25,273	25,363	24,284	26,705	27,178
Kentucky	6,707	5,088	6,089	5,784	5,697	6,119
Louisiana	2,874	2,947	2,986	2,985	2,906	3,057
Maryland	6,466	4,825	5,712	6,285	5,450	6,428
Mississippi	15,385	16,069	15,738	15,074	15,936	15,713
North Carolina	14,087	14,837	15,375	15,927	16,274	15,476
Oklahoma	4,075	4,745	5,296	4,480	3,514	5,199
Pennsylvania	2,893	2,951	2,855	2,935	3,150	3,069
South Carolina	4,258	4,308	5,089	5,044	4,496	4,599
Texas	13,585	12,304	12,726	13,424	12,632	13,323
Virginia	4,662	5,288	4,735	5,184	4,970	4,376
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	16,265	16,742	15,525	16,273	16,056	17,967
19 State total	165,610	161,221	164,208	164,358	164,748	168,613
Previous year total	158,070	153,967	156,298	151,209	158,544	166,323
Percent of previous year	105	105	105	109	104	101

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected from all known chicken hatcheries within the 19 States. The 19 States account for approximately 97 percent of the broilers produced on an annual basis. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All known hatcheries within the 19 States respond via fax. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. All hatcheries are accounted for in the estimates. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State and 19 State totals.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

Reliability: Hatchery estimates are based on a census of all known operating hatcheries and therefore, have no sampling error. However, estimates are subject to errors such as omission, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized through strict quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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